



James P. S. Leshaw Mediation Bio

Jim Leshaw spends about 50% of his time acting as a mediator in connection with sophisticated bankruptcy and other business and commercial disputes. He has been a practicing transactional and bankruptcy attorney for almost 25 years, as an associate in Skadden's New York office and then as a partner in Greenberg Traurig's Miami office where he was the long-time head of its Florida Business Reorganization & Financial Restructuring Practice.

Jim has experience helping to resolve disputes in a wide range of areas including claim objection issues, contract and lease rejection disputes, discharge and dischargeability issues, financing issues, fraudulent transfer and other avoidance actions, inter-creditor agreements, plan negotiations, preference actions, priority issues, Section 546 safe-harbor issues, accounting issues, complex UCC and commercial disputes, contract disputes, corporate, shareholder and partnership litigation, family business and succession issues, fraud allegations, guarantor litigation, landlord tenant litigation, procedural and Constitutional matters, professional liability/malpractice claims, class actions, insurance disputes, intellectual property matters, international disputes, maritime and admiralty matters and pre-suit mediation.

He has handled billions of dollars of mergers, acquisitions and asset purchases; cross-border business transactions; financings and recapitalizations; bankruptcies, workouts, reorganizations and restructurings across the United States, Latin America and the Caribbean; and pretty much every type of litigation (both as an advocate and as a mediator) that arises in connection with a bankruptcy case including preference and fraudulent transfer litigation, M&A related litigation, fiduciary duty litigation, plan and disclosure statement negotiations and litigation and other types of contested matters.

Jim has been listed in "Best Lawyers in America" every year since 2007, as one of the "Top Bankruptcy M&A Lawyers" by *"The Deal"*, as a leading bankruptcy lawyer by *"Chambers and Partners"*, as a "Legal Elite" by *"Florida Trend Magazine"*, as one of the "Top Lawyers in South Florida" by the *"South Florida Legal Guide"*, and as a "Super Lawyer" by *"Florida Super Lawyers Magazine"*.

Jim has been described in Chambers as *"smart, results-driven, innovative and effective," a "thoughtful, intellectual and practical lawyer"* and as *"dogged in getting to the point," "extremely knowledgeable" and "proactive."*

He is a graduate of the New York University School of Law, is admitted to courts throughout Florida and New York. Jim also is on the Roster of Mediators for the United States Bankruptcy Courts for the Southern District of Florida, the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York and the District of Delaware, and is a member of the AAA panel of arbitrators. He is available to mediate disputes throughout the United States.